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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO SECRETARY'S RECENT ADDRESS ON ENERGY BEFORE IEA, AND REFERENCE THEREIN TO SPECIAL PROBLEMS POOREST COUNTRIES AND HIGH PRIORITY BEING GIVEN US SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED STATUS SUDANESE INTEREST IN SUBJECT FOR WHICH THE POTENTIAL HERE APPEARS CONSIDERABLE. DEPT MAY RECALL OUR EFFORTS OVER YEAR AGO: (A) TO ARRANGE VISIT HERE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION SOLAR ENERGY EXPERT; (B) TO BRING OUT PRIVATE AMERICAN EXPERT UNDER CU AUSPICES IN FY 75, AND (C) TO FOSTER GOS INTEREST IN PILOT SOLAR ENERGY STUDY THEN UNDER WAY ON PART COMMITTEE CHALLENGES TO MODERN SOCIETY (CCMS). ALL THIS PUT ON ICE WHEN AMBASSADOR
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RECALLED LATE LAST JUNE FOR EXTENDED CONSULTATIONS.

2. GOS AND SUBANESE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH (NCR) SUBSEQUENTLY SHOWED REAL INTEREST IN POSSIBLE OBSERVER STATUS AT CCMS SOLAR ENERGY MEETINGS. FOREIGN MINISTRY WROTE EMBASE LAST JUNE 27 CONFIRMING NCR INTENTION PARTICIPATE IN SUCH SESSIONS AND ASKING FOR DETAILS. EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY WISHES INQUIRE: (A) WHETHER GOS OBSERVER ROLE MAY STILL BE ENCOURAGED IF CCMS SOLAR ENERGY MEETINGS NOT YET CONCLUDED; AND (B) WHETHER, IF STUDY COMPLETED, EMBASSY MIGHT RECEIVE COPIES FOR TRANSMITTAL GOS. WOULD WELCOME ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW GOS/NCR MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED ESTABLISH SOME ONGOING RELATIONSHIP WITH CCMS, AS WELL AS WITH CURRENT USG EFFORTS, IN SOLAR ENERGY FIELD.

3. EMBASSY IS REPROGRAMMING PRIVATE AMERICAN EXPERT UNDER CU AUSPICES FOR FY 76. WE WOULD ALSO HOPE BE IN POS-

ITION INFORM GOS THAT BRIEF VISIT HERE BY NSF SOLAR ENERGY EXPERT (KHARTOUM REFTTEL) CAN BE CONTEMPLATED FOR SOME TIME IN FY 76. PLEASE INSTRUCT.
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